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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652:GDS

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1. PREDICTABLY THERE WAS SOME ADVERSE CONGRESSIONAL RE-ACTION TO MFA'S REPORT THAT WITNESSES FOR THE MAIKOVSKIS CASE NOT BE FORTHCOMING. AS YOU KNOW, INS IS UNDER A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PRESSURE IN THIS AREA, AND STATE 246016 SHOULD BE SEEN IN THAT CONTEXT. WE CLEARED THE CABLE WITH SOME OBVIOUS RELUCTANCE. AFTER YOU PHONE MFA AND FOLLOW UP ALONG THE LINES STATE 246016 WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN ANY MFA REACTION ASAP.

2. WE ARE TRYING TO WORK OUT ONE MONTH RUSSIAN TUTORIAL FOR WEISZ JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW. WHEN YOU CAN REASONABLY DO SO, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE A DATE WHEN YOU CAN TAKE HIM ON BOARD. WE ARE CURRENTLY ROTATING HIM THROUGH THE SECTIONS HERE.

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3. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION TODAY ON RADIATION WHICH REPORTED SEPARATELY, TOLYA BEARED ME AT GREAT LENGTH ABOUT OUR INTRANSIGENCE ON PARKING AND DISCUSSION SPILLED OVER INTO BROADER QUESTION OF HOW WE TREAT EACH OTHER'S DIPLOMATS. UPSHOT WAS THAT DOBRYNIN SUGGESTED WE GET TOGETHER WITH THEM IN A WEEK OR TWO AND TELL THEM WHAT ARE THE MAIN

PROBLEMS IN MOSCOW WHICH BOTHER US AND WHICH WE THINK
COULD REASONABLY BE CORRECTED. AS EXAMPLE OF PROBLEM
WHICH OLD MOSCOW HANDS WOULD UNDERSTAND CANNOT EASILY BE
CORRECTED HE CITED APARTMENTS. WHILE WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH
THIS BEFORE, I PLAN TO TAKE ANOTHER CRACK AT IT AND WOULD
WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT SPECIFIC THINGS WE SHOULD ASK
THEM TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT. VANCE

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